DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

- Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 07, Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center, Augusta, GA. This is a request for a Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition, Transaction 509-1-3-4528-0148.
- Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed: A new, firm-fixed contract purchase of Medfusion Syringe Pump System for administration of appropriate dosage of Propofol for use in patient care is being requested.
- 3. <u>Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs</u>: The syringe pumps are used to deliver anesthetics intravenously in precise amounts with a minimal of wastage of the medications. The syringe pump allows use of 100cc amps of Propofol for infusions which our current drips do not. They allow precise control of anesthetic levels to ensure hemodynamic control, lack of movement during surgery, anesthesia, analgesia and amnesia. The total cost for the 12 syringe pumps is \$40,576.20.

•	Medfusion 3500 Syringe Pump System including accessories necessary	12	EA	2362.3500
•	P.A.S.S. creation of library	12	ΕA	935.0000
•	P.A.S.S. loading of library	12		0.0000
•	Rotating Pole Clamp	12		84.0000

- 4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition: 41 USC §253(g), as implemented by FAR 6.302.
 - () (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
 (X) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
 () (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;
 () (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4
 () (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;
 () (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
 () (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;
- 5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority): Medfusion is the only responsible source due to size, weight, ease of use, and MRI compatibility of Medfusion's syringe pumps over other makes and

models. This is an immediate need for patient care (Emergency Memo attached). The syringe pumps are critical in delivery of Propofol. Due to the shortage of this drug and inventory of the drug in 20cc units, the syringe pumps are necessary for administering correct dosing from the 50-100 cc vials. The consequence of not providing this requirement urgently could result in a reduction in quality of patient care.

- 6. <u>Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable</u>: A small business set-aside was posted on FEDBID for brand name or equal product. This solicitation was cancelled due to urgency of need.
- 7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: Market Research on GSA Advantage shows similar Syringe Pumps with the following prices: \$3199.68 each; \$3,675.63 each \$3490.26 each; \$3281.37 each. All of these sources were large businesses. Smith Medical is a small business. Their price is \$2362.35 each.
- 8. <u>Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted</u>: Market Research was conducted on GSA Advantage. Similar syringe pumps were found on GSA contract. A Small Business Set-Aside was posted on FEDBID for brand name or equal to Smith's Medical syringe pump; however, this solicitation was cancelled due to an emergency memorandum received from the Acting Director, CNVAMC.
- 9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: The current Alaris pump system requires a minimal wastage of 20cc of Propofol with each case. There is a limited supply due to a national shortage. The requested syringe pumps would eliminate wastage by not utilizing the 50cc Propofol vials. These syringe pumps are needed to administer medication/sedation in the OR and MRI on a continuous basis rather than administering every few minutes. This would maintain a steady level of medication/sedation which would be more convenient and less invasive for our veteran patients going under procedures.
- 10. <u>Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:</u> No other sources expressed an interest in writing.
- 11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required: Future requirements will be competed.
- 12. <u>Requirements Certification</u>: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Garth H. Ballantyne, MD

Chief, Surgery Service

CNVAMC

509-13-4-528-0148

Original Date (10-13-2011)

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

a. <u>Contracting Officer's Certification (required)</u>: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Pamela H. Lewallen Contracting Officer

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b. NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and above): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Prudence Y. Howard

Network Contracts Manager

Date